

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREEMENT
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Union of Railwaymen have criticized the Union Government for not implementing the 1997 agreement reached between the Government and the employees;
- (b) if so, the reasons for not implementing the agreement;
- (c) whether Railwaymen s Unions have expressed opposition to privatisation of catering and station maintenance work; and
- (d) if so, the Government s reaction thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

- (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.
- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) The decision to privatize the catering services on Indian Railways was taken in the year 1992. The organized labour have been taken into confidence in this regard from the very beginning and their opposition to the move and demand for security to the employees of the departmental units had been deliberated with them at great length. Ministry of Railways have assured job security of the personnel working in Catering Department including Commission bearers/vendors. Necessary action has been taken to absorb them in catering as well as in other departments of Indian Railways.

As regards station maintenance work, there is at present no move to privatize the same.